

The Rise

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>Tobias.
I focused my hawk eyes on the ground below. For so long I had not
>eaten
a decent mouse. Not since the yeerks won. How long ago was it? To
>long
for my hawk brain to remember. Once they one the cut down all the
>trees,
kiled nearly all the animals, and made controlers of almost
>everyone. A
few managed to excape to a cave in the rocky mountains. Racel and
>Jake
were controlers. Marco lived in the caves in hdeing with the other
>lucky
people who excaped. What happened to Cassie no one knew. Ax died in
>the
final war. I spooted the rotting body of some poor person, as
>horrible
as it was a landed beside it and ate my fill. The I flew back to
>caves. <p>

Marco.

>I sat on the rocky floor of the cave. I was so tired, I was tired
all
>the time lately. Tobias landed next to me, "find anything to eat?"
I
>asked him (yeah a bit,) he replied. I didnt guestion it, I knew
Tobias
>would eat what was avalable, and whats avalable isnt always nice.
Not

>for the first time I thought about Jake, I wondered what he was

thinking
>right now, what he was doing. "Hey guy's," said Carly another

residant
>at the caves walking in, "Wheeler's come back with some food," she

told
>us. I walked out with Tobias on my shoulder, each day one of us

pretend
>to be a controler and goes to the yeerk camp for rations. I sat

next to
>James, a friend of mine. "Have some mush," he said handing me a

bowel
>filled with some goo the yeerks were trying to pass off as food.

But
>hey, thats my life now. <p>

Cassie.

>I'm lucky. While all my friend are battling in that liveing hell I

once
>called hell, I'm liveing in a little piece of heaven. Hidden away

were
>the yeerks will never find it is a vally. The hork-bjir vally. I

live
>with the hork-bjir and a lost tribe. They lost tribe is a group of

tribes people, we also managed to save some animals. Two
cheetahs,
>a
tiger, several birds, heaps of mice and things, four wolfs and
a
>gorrilla. There ranks fall and rise. "Cassie, Casie!" I turned

Nakiomi a
>girl in the tribe was running towards me, "One of the cheetahs is

giveing
>birth!" I followed her to the cheetah, I helped it to give birth.

As I
>watched the cheetah lick her new daughter I wondered if the humans

would
>ever rise up and win. <p>

Jake.

>"Help some one help!" I screamed, my voice was horse, "Please!" I

screamed. I knew it was hopeless. Soon I would be reinfested. I

>sunk
down to the bottem of the cage and sobbed. A young women
with long
>blonde hair was thrown in next to me. I thought nothing of it. Then

she
>stood up, "you wont win you stupid yeerks!" She screamed, "I'll

kill you
>all I will! Mark my words, you hear me.?" I hadnt heard that voice

for
>so long, to long. "Rachel?" I gasped, "Jake?" she fell into my arms

sobbing. "What happened to the others?" I asked, as I had been

>taken
before her. She looked down, "Ax died, Tobias and Marco
got away, I
>dont
know if there still alive though. I dont know what happened
to
>Cassie,
she just dissapeared one day." I held my cousan close.
"Good to
>see you
cous," I whispered, "Yeah it is."

Rachel

>Jake held me, then all too soon a hork-bjir roughly grabbed him by

the
>collar and dragged him away. Before he left my sight I heard him

yell
>"Be stronge Rach, be strong." "Jake!" I screamed, but he was gone.

It was
>no use morphing, the yeerks expected that, before I'd even got

halfway
>they'd stun me with there dracons. A hork-bjir grabbed me, "let me

go
>you yeerk freak!" I screamed, but of course the yeerk ignored me.

He
>took me to the reinfestation pier, he jammd my head into the yeerk

filth,
>and I felt the pain as the yeerk rentered my head. IM BACK.
<p>

Tobias

>While the others ate I went for a fly, the ground below me was

baren. A
>lone starving wolf hunted for food that wasnt there. I was overcome

with
>anger, I flew and flew. I didnt know were I was going I just flew.

I came to rest on a leafless tree, I looked around, the

>surroundings
where familier, then it hit me. I was at my old
tree, in my old
>territory. I couldnt stand looking at how lifless it had become so

I
>flew off. I flew deep in thought for a while, not sure of were I

was
>going, when I looked down I saw a lush green vally, I thought I was

imaganing it but then I saw to tall green razore like creatures.
I
>had
found the hork-bjir vally.

Marco

>"Were's Tobias?" Asked Carly, I shrugged. "He's been gone awhile

hasnt
>he?" She wondered, "all day," I told her. I tried not to look as

worried
>as I felt. Tobias was my only true friend if he died, even worse if

he
>was a controler, our group would no longer be safe. "Im sure he is

fine," said carly as if reading my thoughts. I nodded, but as
night
>fell
and Tobias wasnt back I started to get really worried. I
hoped that
>he
was ok. I lookedup at the starless sky, were are you Tobias?
I
>asked
myself.

Cassie

>I watched the young cheetah cub play, it had no idea of the horror

surrounding the vally. I sat back and daydreamed. (Cassie? Cassie

>is
that really you?) I jumped up startled, I scanned sky, a bird
was

>circling over head. (Cassie!) "Oh my gosh," my knees buckled,

"Tobias!"
>The bird landed next to me and demorphed. Or morphed in Tobias'

case.
>"Oh my gosh," I said again. Tobias grinned his crooked grin, "good

to
>see you to," he said I didnt know what to say then a horrible idea

dawned on me, "Your not a controller are you?" Even as I said it
I
>felt
stupid, I mean even if he was a contoller it wasnt like he
was
>going to
admit it or anything. Tobias half grinned, "nah I'm
not," his half
>grin
dissapered, "but Rachel is, and Jake." I knew he was
telling the
>truth.
"What about, Ax and, Marco?" I asked him almost not
wanting to hear
>the
answer. "Ax, he died, Marco lives with me and a few others
up in
>some
caves." Tobias held my hand, and we talked all day long.

Jake

>The yeerk rentered my head, how I hated him. WELL WELL WELL HUMAN,

I SEE
>YOU HAVE SEEN YOUR COUSAN. I ignored the stupid yeerk. Sometimes I

wonder if I'll ever be free again, OF COURSE YOU WONT. Dumb
yeerk.
>I
know the chances are pretty small but hey, I once heard
someone say
>'though hope is frail, its hard to kill.' HA HA HA HOPE WILL DO YOU

NO
>GOOD JAKE. The hate I feel for the yeerk scares me. Even when we

battled
>Visser 3 I didnt feel hate so strong. MY MY HUMAN, GETTING

THOUGHTFULL
>TODAY EH? Oneday, I told myself, oneday I'll be free. <p>

Rachel

>You will die one day yeer! You will! I screamed silently in my own

head.
>FUNNY, YOU TELL ME THAT EVERY DAY AND YET, IT NEVER HAPPENS. It

will.
>When the time is right it will. HA HA HA. The forced me outside,

YOUR
>HUNGRY HUMAN, I'D BETTER GET SOME FOOD. Why? Wouldnt you rather see

me
>starve yeerk? HA STARVE SUCH AN AMUSING HOST? I THINK NOT. I looked

around, I was at the food line, ifront of me was a red headed
male.
>He
was jumpy like he didnt belong there or something. HE IS
SUSPICIOUS
>ISNT
HE? No, not at all. DONT LIE HUMAN. The man got some food
then
>headed
off, to my horror the yeerk followed him. The man headed
up the
>mountain, the yeerk followed him. The path got stepper and more

dangerous, the yeerk lost its footing and feel to the gloom
below.

Tobias

>I talked with Cassie then I hunted and caught the first mouse I'd

had in

>over a year, when it started to get dark I realized I should get

back. I

>landed next to Cassie, (I have to go before Marco goes into parinoa

mode.) "Hey wait," she said laughing "I'll come with you." (Ok.)

>She
morphed ospry and we took off. (I'll kill them, I really
will,)

>said
Cassie when she saw what the yeerks had done to the land.
(It gets

>worse
I told her.) I lead her to the caves, I could see Marco,
he was

>scanning
the sky, looking for me probably. (Yo! Marco.) I called
Cassie and

>I
landed next to him. "You'd better have he good reason for
being

>late."
He growled. (You sound like Jake did,) said Cassie.

Marco's mouth

>dropped open, "Cassie?" He gasped. (Yeah.) He looked like he was

going

>to say more but Wheeler cut him off. "Tobias, Marco," We've got an

ingery. Cassie demorphed and followed us to wheeler. "Who?" Asked

>Marco,
"no one we know." said Wheeler. "I controller followed me
from the

>food
camp, comeing back she slipped, I heard her and brought her
here."

>I
flew over to the young woman. As I looked at her I saw the
face I

>never
expected to see again.

Marco

>Tobias fluttered over to see who it was. He looked down at the body

and

>froze. "Tobias you ok?" I called to him. He didnt answer, it was

like he

>was in shock. "Earth to Tobias," I sang. (It's Rachel.) He sounded

like

>he was in a daze. Isnt it funny how someone can give a whole speech

and

>make you feel nothing, yet two words used used the right way can

make

>you feel like you've swallowed barbed wire? "What?" gasped Cassie.

(Its

>Rachel, right here.) "You know this person?" Asked Wheeler, "yeah,"

said

>Cassie, "she's a good friend." "Well you had better tie her up

before

>she awakens," said Wheeler, "I'll go get some rope." He jogged off.

I

>shook my head, "Ok this was the last person I expected to see." I

said.

>Rachels eyes fluttered open, when she saw us a look that was pure

Rachel

>not yeerk crossed her face. Fear, surprize, hope, and joy all in

one.

Cassie

>It was all I could do not to jump for joy, Rachel here! It was

turning
>out to be one heck of a day. Rachel woke up, she looked surprized

to see
>us, but the yeerk took back control. The yeerk sneared scornfully,

"my
>oh my," she said. "I seem to have found the remaning animorphs. Why

I
>shall be promoted!" She stood up and go ready to leave, but Marco

was
>quik, he grabbed her and pinned her down. Wheeler came back with

the
>rope then and tied her up. (You didnt think you could get away that

easy, did you yeerk?) Asked Tobias. Rachel scoweled, but said

>nothing.
We all left her then, exept Tobias.

Jake

>It was time for the yeerk to get some more Kandrona, I think

knowing
>that for a small time every three days I'll be free is the only

thing
>that keeps me going. SHUT UP HUMAN. No you shut up. The yeerk was

shoked
>I never talk back to him. I AM NOT SHOKED. Yes you are. SHUT UP

HUMAN. I
>dont think I will. SHUT UP! Heh heh touchy. I CONTROL YOU HUMAN

DONT
>MESS WITH ME!! Yeah what ever. Like they say, being a contoler does

have
>some good aspects. <p>

Rachel

>Cassie and Marco left, but Tobias stayed by my side. It wouldnt be

long
>now and I would be free. DONT COUNT ON IT. Didnt I always say you

would
>die one day?? Didn't I yeerk? SHUT UP. I'M NOT GOING TO DIE. But
your
already
>weak for kandrona. IM NOT. Oh but you are yeerk. (It wont be long

now
>Rachel.) I heard Tobias' comforting voice in my head. Oh how I

missed
>Tobias, but I would be seeing him again soon. NO YOU WONT BE. Yes I

will
>yeerk, after all you are due for a Kandrona refill, and I dont see

no
>Kandrona near by. OH, OH SHUT UP. The yeerk was silent, then the

fugue
>began. <p>

Tobias

>I stayed with Rachel, comforting her, te yeerk didnt say anything,

then
>the fugue began. It wasnt pretty, her arms and legs shook, she

cried out
>in pain. I morphed human to comfort her. Part of me wanted to

leave, but
>the other part was afraid that if I turned for a second she would

dissapear. "Its ok Rach," I told her. Half an hour later she

opened
>her
eyes, I dont know how but I knew she opened them, not the
yeerk.
>Five
minutes later I saw a grey slug leave her head, "its over,"
I
>whispered
holding her close, "Its gone."

Marco

>Cassie and I sat and talked, she told me off the hork-bjir I told

her of
>the caves. Then I heard a voice, "hey guys," Rachel! Tobias was

next to
>her in human morph. Rachel hugged Cassie, Tobias sat down next to

me.
>We all talked for ages, Tobias demorphed then remorphed, and we

talked
>some more. It was like old times, almost. "What should we do?"

Asked
>Tobias, "go down to the yeerk pool and attack!" Rachel of course.

"Hey
>normally I'm all for a suicide mission," I said "but there arnt

enough of
>us." "He's right," said Tobias. "Wait!" Gaspd Cassie, "back at the

valley, the tribe, they'd help and all the animals are trained
for
>was!"
"So we do this then?" Asked Tobias, "Oh yeah," said
Rachel.

Cassie

>It was great to see the others again. I hadn't realized how much I

missed them. We morphed birds and flew to the vally, when we

>arrived
they demorphed, (exept Tobias,) and I called the tribe
over. When I
>explained the situation, they quikly agreed to help us. We rounded

up
>most of the trained animals, we were all set. We decided to hike to

the
>main yeerk pool, after all Rachel knew the way off by heart. As if

by
>some dumb luck no one saw our monsterious group heading for the

pool, by
>the time we got there it was dark. We all sat behind a large

builhing.
>"Ok, heres what we do," said Marco. "Morph battle morphs go in

there and
>let rip, and do as much damage as poosable. Ok?" We all nodded,

then we
>went in. <p>

Jake

>The yeerk stood on the look out watching for trouble. I looked to,

desperate for trouble. WHY HUMAN? IF THERE IS TROUBLE YOU WILL
DIE
>WITH
ME. So? I'd rather be dead than be a controler. STUPID
HUMAN.
>Stupid
yeerk. The yeerk went back to watching. Nothing happened
for a
>while. It
was boring really. When suddenly I heard a loud rouar
from the main

>yeerk pool. Like a loin, or a tiger. Wait maybe the others had

arrived!!
>IF THEY HAVE THEY WON'T LIVE FOR LONG. The yeerk raced to the room

grabbing a dracon on the way. He stormed into the room. In front of

>me a
wonderful sight emerged. A gorilla, an elephant, a wolf, a
red tail
>hawk,
millions of other animals and a large group of Indian
people were
>engaged in a battle. The animals were winning. Yes! I cheered to my

self
>the Andalite has come back! SHUT UP YOU STUPID HUMAN. The yeerk

stepped
>on to a platform, "Silence!" he screamed. Everything around me

stopped.

Rachel

>"Silence!" A familiar voice screamed. I stopped and spun around.

There
>standing on a platform was Jake. The yeerk was still in his head, I

wanted nothing more than to reach into his brain and rip it out.

>Jake
laughed cruelly. "My host is having a fit in here." He said
to us
>tapping his head. He turned to the hork-bjir. "Take care of these

fools." I lunged, Jake had no time to react, I slammed into him,
he
>uttered a surprised gasp then crumpled. He didn't rise. <p>

Tobias

>We watched as Jake crumpled. (Jake!) Cried Cassie, she started to

run to
>him but a hork-bjir blocked her. We fought and fought, it seemed no

matter how hard we tried more enemies just kept coming. But then

>as if
by miracle the yeerks made a beline for their space ships
and took
>off.
We thought we had won. But how wrong we were.

Marco

>We half carried half dragged Jake kicking and screaming to the

hork-bjir
>valley. The others that couldn't come were there waiting. I also saw

the
>others from the caves were there. I scanned the group for Carly.

Good she
>was there safe. Ok I admit it, I like her. I'd never tell her

though. I
>demorphed, and Carly ran over. "You're ok!" "Yeah," I said. I saw

Tobias
>give Rachel a look he must have morphed human. I ignored it, then

turned
>and began tying up a screaming Jake. <p>

Cassie

>Marco lent over and tied up Jake. A girl stood behind him. I walked

over
>to Tobias and Rachel. "Who's that," I asked Tobias pointing at the

girl.
>Tobias grinned and shook his head. "That," he said clearly amused,

"is
>Carly." He shook his head again, "Carly likes Marco, and Marco

likes
>Carly, they just dont know that the other likes them." I laughed

softly.
>"You wont get away with this they'll be back!" The yeerk in Jakes

head
>screamed. Tobias looked the yeerk in the eye. "And when they do

we'll
>have Jake to help us fight." The yeerk shut up after that.
<p>

Rachel

>We sat around a camp fire. Tobias was perched on my shoulder. Jake

or
>the yeerk I should say had taken a short break from screaming. Some

of
>the people from the tribe performed a dance. I felt great being

there
>with Tobias. "Let. Me. Go!" Screeched the Jakeyeerk remembering to

>scream. I sighed, "geez Tobias I didnt sceam that much did I?"

Tobias
>laughed, (nah if you did I would have hit you on the head with a

mallet.) I playfully shoved him. He laughed and flew off then

>landed
back on my shoulder.

Jake

>The yeerk was not letting up. He screamed to his, I mean my

throught was
>horse. Dont you know how to shut up? I asked him. As if in rely he

screamed louder. I saw Rachel roll her eyes and say something to

>Tobias.
He replied pivetly she laughed and shoved him. I felt
jealous but
>hey
soon I'd have Cassie back. NO YOU WONT HUMAN. Oh yeah? I
think I
>will.
"Untie me!" The yeerk screeched. I saw Cassie get up and
come over.
>She
looked at me. "Look yeerk," she said snappishly, "we aint
gonna
>untie
you so why dont you just shut up?" The yerker ignored her.
For once
>it
wasnt me doing the ignoring.

Tobias

>Rachel and I talked forever. We could almost drown out Jakes

screams.
>"That get you for this!" He screamed "They'll kill you all slo-" He

stopped in midsentence. Cassie rushed over. (Its started,) I

>whispered
to Rachel, she nodded. We watched as Cassie soothed
Jake, then we
>saw a
grey slug leave his ear. I turned away, It was all I
needed to see.

Marco

>We had a dinner of wild fruits and fish. It was the best food I'd

had in

>a long time. Carly agreed exept she didnt eat the fish because

she's a
>vegetareian. I tease her about that as often as possable. Like now,

"mmmmmm" I said "this fish is just so nice." "That fish," said

>Carly,
"was once a liveing breathing animal." "So was that
berry," I
>joked.
Carly looked at it, "It was?" She sounded fretful it was
hard to
>tell if
she was jokeing or not. I burst out laughing, Carly
joined me. I
>saw
Cassie talking to Jake, and Rachel fooling with Tobias.
Mabye, just
>mabye it was over. <p>

Cassie
>Jake was getting used to being free again, he had been a controler

for
>over a year now. He was wierded out but thats to be expected. He

shook
>his head, "I cant believe I'm acually free," he exclaimed. I

laughed. I
>saw a familier face in the croud. "Look!" I called, "theres Eric."

Eric
>the chee walked over to us." The others saw him and came over to.

"You
>have done great damge to the yeerk," he said not bothering to greet

us.
>"But you have not defeated them, they will be back." He sighed,

"They
>are angry now it will be dangous for you to fight them." I looked

around
>me, Tobias was on Rachels shoulder, Carly was leaning on Marco, and

I
>had Jake. It didnt matter how hard the fight got, we'd always be

together.
>

End
file.